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Fall 2015

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NOVEMBER 3



RECREATION DEPT.
REGISTRATION
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AUGUST 17
8:30 A.M.



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2015 Holiday Closure Calendar


Labor Day
September 6 & 7

Veterans Day
November 11

Thanksgiving
November 26 - 29

Christmas
December 24 at noon
- December 26

New Years
December 31 at noon
- January 2



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**Election for
Mayor and City Council is
Tuesday, November 3, 2015.**
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more information.

Visit us online!



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ADA



The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings and programs. For auxiliary aids or services at a City of Takoma Park event, contact Emily Cohen at 301-891-7226 (EmilyC@takomaparkmd.gov) or Maryland Relay Service at 800-735-2258 TTY/Voice. Two weeks advance notice is requested.



TAKOMAPARK ALERT

WEATHER • EMERGENCY INFO • TRAFFIC

www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert

The City of Takoma Park has a new alert system. Takoma Park Alert will deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you by whichever methods you choose. The Takoma Park Alert system replaces the TP Alerts system. We encourage all residents to sign up. **Learn more at www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert**



City Council

All legislative powers of the City are vested in a body designated as the Council of the City of Takoma Park, consisting of seven members. Six of these members are elected by ward and are called Councilmembers, and one is elected at large and is called the Mayor. The regular term of the Councilmembers and the Mayor is two years or until their successors have been elected and duly sworn. Newly elected Councilmembers and the Mayor take office on the second Monday following their election. The next election will be on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Mayor: Bruce Williams
240-676-6234
BruceW@takomaparkmd.gov
Office hours are Tuesdays 2 - 7 p.m.
Appointments are recommended.
Call Peggye Washington at 301-891-7230
or email peggyew@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 1: Seth Grimes
301-873-8225
SethG@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 2: Tim Male
240-274-0341
TimM@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 3: Kate Stewart
240-338-9333
KateS@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 4: Terry J. Seamens
301-565-0190
TerryS@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 5: Jarrett Smith
301-960-7462
JarrettS@takomaparkmd.gov

Ward 6: Fred Schultz
301-434-7090
FredS@takomaparkmd.gov

City Manager

301-891-7230
PeggyeW@takomaparkmd.gov

Day-to-day management of the Takoma Park government is overseen by the City Manager. The City Manager is appointed by the City Council, implements the policies passed by the City Council, and proposes an annual budget to the City Council.

To make an appointment with City Manager Suzanne Ludlow, please contact Executive Assistant Peggye Washington at PeggyeW@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7230.



City Manager
Suzanne Ludlow

City Meetings & Events

City Council Meetings

The Takoma Park City Council meets in the Community Center located at 7500 Maple Avenue. Meetings are held on Mondays, unless the City Council is on recess or a Monday falls on a holiday; meetings then move to the next available calendar day. The Takoma Park City Council generally takes a recess in August and December. City Council meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise.

City Council meetings are available to watch on City TV Cable and are available to view on the City website live or as archives.

Open Meetings

All meetings of the City Council and Council-appointed boards, committees, commissions, and task forces are open to the public unless noted otherwise. All are subject to the Maryland Open Meetings Act. Notice of meetings is provided on the City Calendar and on the City Council rolling agenda.

Opportunities to Serve

Takoma Park residents have many opportunities to be involved in their government. Serving on a City board, commission, committee or task force is one way to be involved and provide a service to the community. These groups are advisory to the City Council, and some have specific roles related to conducting hearings or carrying out certain activities.

Members are appointed by the City Council. Check the City website for each to see membership requirements and to find out the specifics of each group's mandate. Residents are free to sit in on a meeting or two before applying to see if it is a good fit with interests and skills. See the City website for the calendar of scheduled meetings.

To learn more and apply, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc.



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Engage

- Run for office
- Support a candidate
- Be an election worker

Register

- In person, online, or by mail
- On election day

Vote

- By mail (by November 3)
- Early (October 27 - November 1)
- On Election Day (November 3)

Takoma Park Elections Are Special

- All residents ages 16 and up may vote in City elections. United States citizenship is not required.
- Residents may register to vote any time, up to and including on Election Day.
- Any registered voter may vote by mail by requesting an absentee ballot.
- Voters may rank candidates in order of choice on the ballot (first, second, and so on).
- Write-in votes are permitted.

Election Calendar

Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 7:30 p.m. (Auditorium)

- **Nominating Caucus:** The nominating caucus kicks off the official election season in Takoma Park. Visit elections.takomaparkmd.gov or contact the City Clerk, Jessie Carpenter, JessieC@takomaparkmd.gov, if you are thinking of running for office.

Tuesday, October 13

- Takoma Park residency must be met by October 13 (21 days prior to the election) in order to vote in the election.
- Voter registration through the Montgomery County Board of Elections closes at 5:00 p.m. on October 13. After this date, all residents should register at the City Clerk's Office.

Wednesday, October 14

- For residents not yet registered to vote, registration takes place at the City Clerk's Office from October 14 through Election Day.

Tuesday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.

- Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail.

Wednesday, October 28 – Sunday, November 1

- Early voting.
(for locations and hours, see elections.takomaparkmd.gov)

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

- **ELECTION DAY, Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, November 4, 7:30 p.m.

- Special meeting of the City Council to receive the certification of the election results.

Monday, November 16, 7:30 p.m.

- Inauguration and Reception for the City Council - The Mayor and members of the City Council will take the oath of office in the Community Center Auditorium, followed by a dessert reception in the Atrium Lobby. The public is invited to attend.

**COMPLETE INFORMATION FOR VOTERS AND CANDIDATES
IS AVAILABLE AT ELECTIONS.TAKOMAPARKMD.GOV**

Takoma Park Community Center/ Sam Abbott Citizens' Center

7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
301-891-7100

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Art Studio

- The art room, kiln, and easels are available to students enrolled in classes
- Not available for rentals

Auditorium

- 154 fixed chairs
- Room for six wheelchairs
- Row of seven fixed chairs can be removed
- Food and beverage not permitted

Computer Center

- Two rooms, 25 workstations equipped with ports for flash drives and headphones, and work space for laptop users
- Internet, word processing, graphics software and more
- Color printer
- Low conversation, working in pairs, cell phone use allowed in Room A
- Absolute quiet in Room B
- Valid Takoma Park Library card or purchased guest pass required for computer use of up to two hours per day

- Four additional stations with 20 minute limits available in library, additional four available in Senior Room for those 55+
Monday - Friday 12:00 - 8 p.m.
Saturday 12:00 - 6 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 - 5 p.m.

Dance Studio

- Large studio with mirrors and wood floor
- No street shoes on dance floor

Game Room

- Hours vary by age and time of year
- Ping pong, pool and foosball tables
- Basketball and arcade-style games

Hours:

Youth & Teen (6 - 17 yrs)

Monday - Friday 2:30 - 5 p.m.
Saturday 12:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 - 5 p.m.

Young Adult (18 - 24 yrs)

Monday - Friday 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Active Adult (55+)

Monday - Saturday
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Library

Cards are free for City residents and those who work or go to school in Takoma Park.

Sunday 12:00 - 5 p.m.
Monday 12:00 - 9 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday 12:00 - 9 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday 12:00 - 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Multimedia Lab

Our educational studio features state-of-the-art video and recording equipment and instructional courses designed to accommodate aspiring audio/video engineers and intermediate level students who want to hone their skills. Lab is for class use only.

Notary Public

Notary service is available by appointment only. The service is free for City residents. Call 301-891-7100 to set up an appointment.

Passport Service

Passport service is available at the Takoma Park Community Center. No appointment necessary. Please call Sofia Visurraga, Customer Service Representative, at 301-891-7204 for information.
Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Se puede aplicar por su pasaporte americano aquí. No necesita hacer una cita para presentar aplicación. Por favor llame al 301-891-7204 para obtener información para aplicar por su pasaporte americano.

Lunes a jueves de 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Senior Room (55+ yrs)

- Comfortable furnishings and relaxed atmosphere to socialize or read
- Four computers and printer available
- Bingo, health screenings, workshops, and more
Monday - Friday 12:00 - 8 p.m.
Saturday 12:00 - 6 p.m.

Teen Lounge (13 - 17 yrs)

- Hours vary by time of year
- X-box, large screen TVs
- Area for socializing
- Daily activities



Book Your Next Event with Us!



**12 & Under Parties
Bridal Showers
Baby Showers
Community Meetings***

Visit the Recreation Department

7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912

Go online: Reserve a room or park shelter with a credit card from our website at apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation. See Page 37, Registration and Policies for instructions for online registration.

* Rentals within 10 business days must be requested in person.

Policies

Please visit us online at takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/parks-and-athletic-fields and click on Administrative Regulation No. 2011-1 (PDF) for regulations governing public use, facilities rentals and general responsibilities of the user.

Rental Hours

Takoma Park Community Center

Monday - Friday	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday	10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **
Sunday	12:30 - 4:30 p.m. **

Heffner Park Community Center

Monday - Saturday	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

** Rental spaces in the Community and Recreation Centers are for community meetings. Business meetings are charged at the commercial rate.*

*** Hours for auditorium rentals may be until 11:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday and until 12:00 a.m. Friday - Sunday.*

Auditorium

capacity: 154

The Auditorium, located in the Takoma Park Community Center, is LEED-CI Silver Certified and has 154 fixed seats with two aisles and room for six wheel chairs. The floating wood stage is approximately 18 inches off the floor, 30 feet wide and 19 feet deep at the center.

This environmentally friendly space has a state of the art lighting system with colored LED washes, sound system with two wireless microphones and connections for up to 10 wired microphones. The presentation system has a 6' x 11' projection screen in the center of the stage and two small screens on either side of stage.

Extra fees apply for staffing outside of normal hours of operation, specialized AV services, extraordinary maintenance demands, or required security. Insurance is required.

Fees: \$110/hour, non-profit
\$180/hour, regular

Minimum 4 hour rental

For more information about renting the Auditorium contact John Webster at 301-891-7225 or email JohnW@takomaparkmd.gov

Small Meeting Rooms

Rose Room

Capacity	10 with tables
	15 without tables

Lilac Room

Capacity	20 with tables
	25 without tables

Hydrangea Room

Capacity	25 with table
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Fees

T.P. resident	\$15/hour
Non-resident	\$40/hour
Commercial	\$60/hour

Large Meeting Rooms

Azalea Room

Capacity	45 with tables
	50 without tables

Heffner Park Community Center**

42 Oswego Avenue

Takoma Park, MD 20912

Capacity	40 with tables
	45 without tables

Fees

T.P. resident	\$25/hour
Non-resident	\$50/hour
Commercial	\$70/hour

** \$50 refundable deposit required for Heffner Park Community Center.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

7315 New Hampshire Ave. Fall Hours
Takoma Park, MD 20912
301-891-7289

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday 12:00 - 9 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday Closed
** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 - 2 p.m. are reserved for senior use only.*

The Recreation Center is a hidden gem. Once inside you'll discover a basketball gym, fitness room, community programs, and fantastic staff. Please stop by and see for yourself!

Time to Get in Shape!

The Takoma Park Recreation Center has a great fitness room featuring:

- Dumbbells (5-45 lbs.)
- Leg curl
- Leg extension
- Ellipticals
- Stationary bikes
- Treadmills
- Lat pulldown
- Chest press

Membership Fees

Recreation Center General
(1 year; does not include fitness room)

Adult (18+ yrs) \$35
Teen (13 - 17 yrs) \$10
Youth (5 - 12 yrs) \$5

Fitness Room
(open same hours as building)*

Adult (6 months) \$65
Adult (1 year) \$100
Senior (55+) Free

Adult Open Gym (18+ yrs)

- Wednesdays 8:15 - 9 p.m.
- Membership required

For more information on these programs look through this guide ...

- Suto Dance
- Ladies Boot Camp
- Jazzercise
- Sadcie: Caribbean Fitness
- Karate Self-Defense Club
- Pilates
- Multiple Youth Classes
- and much more

Hourly Rental Information

Gym* (capacity 294)
General \$30/hour
Commercial \$70/hour
After hours additional fee(s)*

Meeting Room BACK (capacity 40)

General \$15 per hour
Commercial \$60 per hour
After hours additional fee(s)*

Meeting Room FRONT (capacity 30)

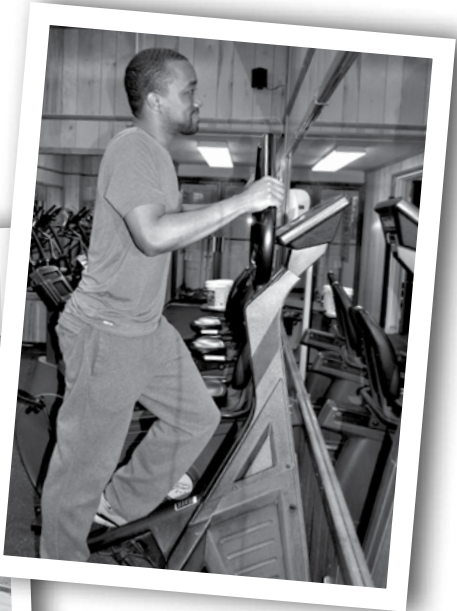
General \$15 per hour
Commercial \$60 per hour
After hours additional fee(s)*

Call 301-891-7289 for availability

** \$50 security deposit required.*

Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Recreation.

All program days and times are subject to change.



Know Your Parks!



Belle Ziegler Park

Belle Ziegler Park

(Takoma Avenue & Albany Avenue)
7350 Takoma Avenue

- Pavilion with 4 picnic tables
- Playground equipment
- Multiuse sports field
- Half basketball court
- Water fountain
- Port-a-john
- No grill
- On street parking only

Ed Wilhelm Field

(Behind Piney Branch Elementary School)
2 Darwin Avenue

- Football field with softball field overlay
 - Located in Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park
- Takoma-Piney Branch shelter is rented through M-NCPPC Parks at 301-495-2525.**



Forest Park

Forest Park

(Prince Georges Avenue & Elm Avenue)
598 Elm Avenue

- Pavilion with 2 picnic tables
- Playground equipment
- 2 half basketball courts
- T-ball backstop
- Water fountain
- On street parking only

Heffner Park*

(Behind Heffner Park Community Center)
42 Oswego Avenue

- Playground equipment
- Half basketball court
- Pavilion and BBQ grill
- Water fountain

***Not individually permitted.** Incorporated in the rental of the community center only. **See Page 4, Large Meeting Rooms, for rental hours and rates.**



Spring Park

Lee Jordan Field

(Behind Takoma Park Middle School)
7611 Piney Branch Road

- Football field with soccer fields overlay
- 4 baseball/softball diamonds
- Walking track (¼ mile)
- Port-a-john

Spring Park

(Poplar Avenue & Elm Avenue)
6999 Poplar Avenue

- Playground equipment
- T-ball field
- Water fountain
- Pavilion with 4 picnic tables
- Port-a-john
- Running spring
- Basketball court
- BBQ grill
- On street parking only

Parks and Permits

It is highly recommended to secure permits for various events and activities held in public parks throughout the City. Permits only guarantee space and time of a location. Please contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290 before conducting business on park property.

Park Usage Fees

Shelter

\$85 per day	T.P. resident
\$105 per day	Non-resident/ Commercial

Field (in person reservations only)

\$20 per hr.	T.P. resident
\$35 per hr.	Non-resident/ Commercial

Event Permits

Frequently asked questions for special events in parks:

- Q:** Do I need to apply for a park permit for my event?
- A:** In order to secure a space and time of a public park, it is highly recommended to have a permit. See page 4, Policies.
- Q:** Are moonbounces permitted?
- A:** No, moonbounces are not permitted on public City property.
- Q:** What do I do in the event of inclement weather?
- A:** Permits are honored rain or shine, with no refunds/reschedules.

- Q:** How do I rent a park pavilion and/or field?
- A:** See “How to rent a space” on page 4 to rent a pavilion. Field reservations are in-person only and not available for Ed Wilhelm Field or Lee Jordan Field.
- Q:** Can I have a yard sale?
- A:** Sales of merchandise is prohibited on all City property outside of scheduled City events.
- Q:** Can I serve alcohol?
- A:** The sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in any facility/park/shelter. See page 4, Policies.

Rental Hours

Daily from 9 a.m. to dusk

City Services



301-891-7118

cabletv@takomaparkmd.gov
www.takomaparkmd.gov/citytv

Takoma Park City TV is a government access channel in Montgomery County, Maryland, operated by the City of Takoma Park. Watch City TV online or on Comcast and RCN channel 13 or on Verizon channel 28.
www.takomaparkmd.gov/citytv

Also find us on ...



@TakomaParkTV

Watch City Council meetings, Snapshots, the “We Are Takoma” series and other community events on City TV!

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iVisítenos!

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Finance

301-891-7212
finance@takomaparkmd.gov
www.takomaparkmd.gov/finance

The Finance Office oversees the City's financial resources, processes payroll, pays bills, collects certain fees, and safeguards and invests City funds. The Office prepares an annual report and facilitates the annual audit of the City's financial management.

Payment of City Fees

Online Payment
Payments associated with a City-issued invoices may be made online by Visa, Mastercard and Discover. A convenience fee of 2.9% or \$1.50, whichever is greater, will be charged. E-check transaction users will have a \$1.00 convenience fee charged.

- The following fees can be paid online:
- Landlord registration and licensing
 - Parking fines
 - Recreation programs
 - Stormwater

For information on other permitting fees, please contact the appropriate department.

By Mail or In-Person Payment
Finance Department, City of Takoma Park
7500 Maple Avenue, 3rd Floor
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Human Resources

301-891-7203
hr@takomaparkmd.gov
www.takomaparkmd.gov/hr

For an up to date listing of current vacancies and employment opportunities with the City of Takoma Park, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/hr/careers.

Police

911 (emergency)
301-270-1100 (non-emergency)
police@takomaparkmd.gov
www.takomaparkmd.gov/police

Whether online, in person, or by phone, the police department is here to serve the people of Takoma Park. Open 24 hours a day via the front parking lot entrance. Text anonymous tips to 847411 (message must begin with TPPDTIP).

Lifelong Takoma

301-891-7232
kmaricheau@takomaparkmd.gov
www.takomaparkmd.gov/lifelongtakoma

Office Hours: Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lifelong Takoma helps identify the needs of residents 55+ and residents with disabilities of all ages, and connects them to resources, programs and opportunities as requested. We advocate on the behalf of residents and create community partnerships. Some resources and events are brought to you through community partnerships.

Upcoming Event

2nd Annual Lifelong Takoma Day:
“One Community—Engaged & Inclusive”

October 10, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
Community Center

Join us at this annual intergenerational social and wellness event. Bring your family, neighbors, and friends to enjoy free food, music, health screenings, demo classes and presentations, and participate in community conversations. We will have interpreters providing translation for Spanish, Amharic and Mandarin Chinese at the event. There will be personal guides for residents who may need assistance.

Featured Program

Snow Angels

Physically unable to remove snow from your steps, walkway or drive? The Snow Angels program is able to provide volunteers who will help.

Registration for the winter season will begin on October 31st and run through November 30th. No early bird sign-ups.

Priority give to residents 55+ or those who have disabilities. Snow removal service is for the entire winter season



Housing & Community Development

301-891-7119
housing@takomaparkmd.gov
www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd

The Housing and Community Development Department is responsible for a wide range of housing, development, code enforcement, neighborhood revitalization, and cultural programming. The following is a sampling of the services we provide:

Buildings, Bikes and Businesses

- Permit Letters (required of all building, sign and fencing permits, etc.)
- Food Truck Vendor Permits and Reservations
- Takoma Park Bike Map (www.takomaparkmd.gov/getting-around)
- The New Ave (www.thenewave.com)
Discover the New Ave: Explore international shopping, dining, and professional services on the New Hampshire Avenue corridor and at the Crossroads.

Financial Assistance

for income qualified residents:

- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Exterior Home Repair Program

Property Maintenance

- Property Maintenance Inspections (exterior and grounds only)
- Rental Housing Inspections

Rental Housing

- Conflict Resolution Counseling
- Rent Stabilization Program
- Owner Occupied Group House Registrations
- Rental Housing Licensing
- Tenant Association Assistance
- Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Support

TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

A Message from the City of Takoma Park Code Enforcement Division

Join the many residents and business owners who believe that being a good neighbor also means being good to your neighbor. Do you know someone who is unable to keep up with their yard work or do basic care for their home or business? Be a good neighbor and offer to cut the grass, clear the walkway, clean out the gutter. Help clear a less able neighbor's walkway when you have finished shoveling your own.

Tips for how to be a good neighbor

Repaint and Repair

Keep exterior paint fresh; replace any flaking or peeling paint. If the paint is lead-based, be careful to protect yourself and your neighbors from lead poisoning.

Repair rotten or deteriorated wood.

Maintain gutters and downspouts. Replace if missing or damaged.

Fence It In

Keep your fence in good repair –

undamaged, unbroken, with no missing portions – or remove it completely.

Cut It Out

Keep your grass and weeds below 12" and the brush neatly trimmed.

Keep your sidewalks clear of encroaching shrubs, hedges, vines, trees, and other vegetation.

Take care of dead or dying trees. Be sure to contact the City Arborist before you begin, 301-891-7612.

Exterminate It

Get rid of insects or rodents and keep property clean and unattractive to pests.

Clear standing water to prevent mosquito breeding.

Stow It

Store your worn out furniture, excess inventory and boxes out of sight, off unenclosed porches, carports, alleyways and parking lots.

Keep It Safe

Remove snow and/or ice from public sidewalks.

Repair broken or uneven walkways on your property to protect visitors and customers from tripping.

Park It

Keep your cars and trucks parked in the driveway, on the street, or in a parking lot, not on green space, yards, or sidewalks.

Tow away any cars or trucks that do not work or are not registered.

See It Clearly

Replace cracked, broken, or missing windows and glass doors.

Keep It Clean

Keep your yard, sidewalk, parking lot, and curb clear of trash, broken furniture and mattresses. For large item pick-up, call Public Works, 301-891-7633.

Use trashcans in good condition with lids that fit. Stash them after trash day.

Clean Up After Your Pet

In addition to cleaning up your pet's waste, pick up paper, plastic, and other trash when you are out walking.



Public Works

301-891-7633

publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov

www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks

Services

Mulch

Leaf mulch, made by grinding the annual collection of leaves, is available for pickup and delivery. The mulch pile is accessible for self-loading every day of the week. Loading of trucks and mulch delivery costs \$45 for a 3 yard load and \$65 for a 7 or 10 yard load for City residents.

To schedule a delivery, call 301-891-7633.

Energy Efficiency Rebates, Coaching, and Energy Challenge

New Energy Efficiency Rebates

Residents may receive \$100 rebate for energy audits, and 25% up to \$500 for energy efficiency home improvements. For rebate program rules and forms, visit takomaparkmd.gov/sustainability.

Energy Coaching

Energy Coaching is available to help residents through the process of making energy efficient home improvements and maximizing available rebate programs, including Pepco's Home Performance with Energy Star program. Contact Gina Mathias, Sustainability Manager, 301-891-7623 or ginam@takomaparkmd.gov

Energy Challenge

Join the Neighborhood Energy Challenge and help your team win \$2,000! Teams earn points when you get Green Home Certified. Both renters and home owners can participate and get Green

Home Certified. Register online and download the Energy Challenge Booklet at www.takomaparkmd.gov/sustainability/neighborhood-energy-challenge

Food Waste Collection

Beginning September 1st, food waste will be collected on the same day as trash and recycling. This change will help the City expand the program to more homes and we hope it will increase participation and make it easier for everyone to remember their collection day. Interested households can join the program at www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/food-waste-collection or by calling 301-891-7633.

Electronics and Computer Recycling Drop-Off

Bring your old or unwanted electronic equipment to be refurbished or recycled to the Public Works facility. Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Polystyrene Ban

Effective July 1, polystyrene packaging and food-service ware is banned within the boundaries of Takoma Park. Learn more about polystyrene alternatives at: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/polystyrene-ban>.

Trash Carts and Recycling Containers

Trash carts are available for sale. Purchase a 96 gallon trash carts for \$62.54 and 64 gallon for \$55.12. Carts have lids, wheels, and handles. Recycling containers are free and available at the Public Works Yard for pick up.

Large Item Pick Up

Heavy items, like appliances, mattresses and furniture, are picked up by appointment only. There is a \$10 charge for the collection of up to three items. Call to schedule a pickup.

Holiday Trash Schedule

September 7, Monday, Labor Day

Yard trimming collection is canceled.

November 11, Wednesday, Veterans Day

Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Thursday, November 12.

November 26, Thursday, Thanksgiving

Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Wednesday, November 25.

November 27, Friday, Day after Thanksgiving

Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Saturday, November 28.

December 25, Friday, Christmas

Trash, recycling and food waste collection will be moved to Thursday, December 24.

January 1, Friday, New Year's Day

Trash and recycling collection will be moved to Saturday, January 2.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bulk Buy Tree Sale

September 1 to October 16. Receive \$100 subsidy towards the cost of the first tree purchased. Contact City Arborist at 301-891-7612 for program details.

Energy Challenge Update and Workshop

September 24, 7:00 p.m., Community Center Auditorium

Join Sustainability Manager Gina Mathias for an update on the Energy Challenge, rebate programs, Green Home Certification, and Takoma Park's bid for the \$5 Million Georgetown University

Energy Prize. Event will feature a mini-workshop on saving energy, with door prizes for attendees.

Fall Leaf Collection

November 16 through December 18. The department will notify residents in advance about the collection. Details can be found at: www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/fall-leaf-collection-program.

Public Infrastructure Initiatives

301-891-7633
pw@takomaparkmd.gov
www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks

Street and Sidewalk Improvements

Carroll Avenue Bridge

Construction for the MD 195 (Carroll Avenue) bridge over Sligo Creek, started in the summer of 2015, and will continue for 12 to 18 months through 2016. The rehabilitation of the bridge will include replacing the deck, beams, and columns above the arches, the sidewalks, railings, and the ornamental lights. The overall project limits extend from the intersection at Jefferson Avenue to the entrance for the Washington Adventist Hospital. In addition to rehabilitating the bridge, the project includes constructing a new sidewalk along the east side of Carroll Avenue between Old Carroll Avenue and the bridge, upgrading existing sidewalks and ramps to meet ADA standards, and roadway drainage improvements. In order to complete the necessary work safely, the bridge will be closed and traffic will be detoured during construction. A temporary pedestrian bridge will be installed to allow foot and bike travel over Sligo Creek. <http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectInformation.aspx?projectno=MO2402115>

Flower Avenue Green Street

The Flower Avenue Green Street project will incorporate pedestrian safety, traffic calming and innovative stormwater management, as well as improvements to bus stops and lighting. Several components of the project are scheduled for completion in 2015; Washington Gas will be replacing the gas mains in the fall, PEPCO will be upgrading the existing streetlights by December, and the roadway and sidewalk design plans are expected to be completed by the fall of 2015. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2016. <http://floweravenue.takomaparkmd.gov/>

New Sidewalk Design and Construction ADA Sidewalk Compliance Project

Since 2010, the City has embarked on a program to replace and repair all existing sidewalks to better comply with Federal



regulations related to accessibility. To date over 15 miles of sidewalk on City streets have been repaired at a cost of 2 million dollars. The effort is expected to be completed by 2019. Repairs to sidewalks located along State Highways have not been included in the data above and also need to be addressed. Development of new sidewalks has been requested for:

- 400 & 500 blocks of Lincoln
- Glenside Drive
- 6900 block of Cherry Avenue
- Maple Avenue between Sligo Creek Parkway and Maplewood Drive

Once final designs are developed, affected residents will have an opportunity to vote whether or not to support construction. If 50% of the responses are positive, the sidewalk will be scheduled for construction as funding allows.

Traffic Calming Installations at Flower Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway

An initial design concept has been agreed to by Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission staff. The City's design engineering firm is expected to finalize the design in preparation for

community review and MNCPPC approval in 2015. A public meeting will be held to update the residents on the project. Action on the project will be delayed until WSSC completes a sewer line project in the area in 2015. The goal of the intersection redesign is to slow traffic entering the neighborhood, reduce the amount of paved surface and improve water quality by treating stormwater run-off from the pavement.

Playground Development

Colby Playground

A final design has been developed for Colby playground. Construction is expected to take place in the fall of 2015.

Sligo Mill Playground

Creation of a new playground in a portion of the lot owned by the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission is under development. <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/publicworks/current-project/sligo-mills-overlook-park-playground-plan>

Takoma Park Maryland Library

301-891-7259

www.takomapark.info/library

www.facebook.com/takomaparklibrary

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The Takoma Park Maryland Library is one of only two municipal public libraries in Maryland. With a Takoma Park Maryland Library card, you can:

- Borrow print books and magazines, audiobooks and music CDs.
- Access our extensive digital resources online, including college and career information, language learning programs, test preparation, and both e-books and digital audiobooks.
- Use our public computers for up to two hours each day with assistance from on-site staff.

Free public Wi-Fi is available in the Library and Community Center.

Programs

The Library offers a wide variety of programs for children and adults. To keep up with the latest schedule of library programs, please check our website, where you also can find our five blogs: News, Books, The Children's Room, Teen Book Buzz, and Comics. We also post library news and program updates on our Facebook page and Twitter feed. Registration is encouraged or required for some programs (as noted). **To register for programs, please go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.**

Many library programs are underwritten by the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. The Friends offer two reading groups and hold two to three book sales annually, among other events. More information about the Friends and their activities can be found on their website, www.ftpml.org, or their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/FTPML. In addition to support from the Friends, the library's partnership with Politics & Prose Bookstore allows us to offer programs featuring top-notch authors and illustrators for children and adults.

Library Hours

Sunday
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday and Wednesday
12:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday
12:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Computer Center Hours

Sunday
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
12:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday
12:00 - 6:00 p.m.



ALL PROGRAMS ARE IN THE LIBRARY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Photo by Maurice Belanger

Weekly Library Programs

Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. **AND** 11:00 a.m.

A beloved local tradition, the 30-minute program of songs, finger plays, rhymes, movement exercises and stories teaches early literacy concepts in a fun way. The program is geared for infants through preschoolers and their grown-ups.

Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Join Señora Geiza for a 30-minute program highlighting basic Spanish vocabulary through songs and rhymes.

Scribblers Cabal

Fridays, 4:00 p.m.

Kids are invited to draw with Library Assistant Dave Burbank, our library staff artist. To keep updated about the schedule, please register.

MOOC Discussions

Sunday afternoons

MOOCs – Massive Open Online Courses – offer a free way for older teens and adults to keep up lifelong learning. For information on how to register for these free online classes, and for specifics on the dates and times of our discussions, please check our website and Facebook page.

Monthly Library Programs

Lego Club

One Sunday a month, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Ages 5-12

Each program will have a building theme, and then free play. All LEGO is provided, courtesy of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. Registration is required.

Sunday Crafts

One Sunday a month, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Make special crafts with Children's Librarian Kati Nolfi. All materials are provided – kids just bring their creativity.

Caldecott Club

One Monday a month, 7:00 p.m.

Come join our popular family book club, where we read books – via the big screen – that are possible contenders for the Caldecott Medal, given annually by the American Library Association to the best-illustrated book for kids ages birth-14. Lemonade and cookies are served at each program!

Comics Jam

Second Tuesday of the month, 4:00 p.m.

September through June

Join Dave Burbank, the library's graphic novel guru, in reading comics together on the big screen. The program concludes with Dave taking "drawing requests" from the audience.

Bedtime Stories

First Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Children's Librarian Kati Nolfi leads our pre-bedtime program of songs and stories, plus a craft. Perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups.

Petites Chansons

One Saturday a month, 10:30 a.m.,

September through June

Madame Marie teaches basic French language concepts through songs and rhymes. To learn specific dates for Petites Chansons, please register and we will keep you updated.



Photo by Maurice Belanger

Special Events Fall 2015

Friends Reading Groups

The Friends of the Library "Big Book" club will hold a series of discussions on "Daniel Deronda" by George Eliot on the following Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.: October 21, November 4, November 18 and December 2nd. The October 21st session will be an introductory lecture at Historic Takoma. Subsequent discussions will be held in the Community Center Hydrangea Room. The Friends also offer bi-monthly discussions of shorter works. Check for dates of these and other Library and Friends programs and events, including the College Bound Speakers' Series, and the Friends' Fall book-sale on the Library and Friends' web pages.

Library Renovation

Check for updates on progress toward Library renovation on the Library web page.

Summer Quest Finale

Monday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the end of another successful summer of reading with cupcakes and lemonade. We'll talk about our favorite books as well as possible themes for next year.

Friends of the Library Book Discussion

Wednesday, September 16, 7:30 p.m.
Hydrangea Room

Discussion of "Our Lady of the Nile" by Rwandan author Scholastique Mukasonga

Graphic Novelists Eleanor Davis and Drew Weing

Monday, September 21, 7:30 p.m.

This talented husband-and-wife team presents their newest book for young readers, "FloP To the Top."

Harry Potter Party

Friday, September 25, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy a special program of crafts and activities all related to the "boy wizard," Harry Potter. Come in costume if you like! Registration required. Best for school-aged kids and their grown-ups.

Scary Stories with Storyteller Candace Wolf

Monday, October 26

7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Stories for ages 5 - 7
7:50 - 8:50 p.m. Stories for ages 8- 13

Eaglebear & Friends

Monday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.

Come celebrate American Indian Heritage Month with Eaglebear and his friends, who will showcase dances, songs and customs of their Xicano and Apache tribes.

Fall Fairies Tea Party

Saturday, December 5, 2:00 p.m.

Fairy crafts and stories are the focus of this event for ages 5 up.

Winter Solstice Celebration

Thursday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.

Join drummer Bill Jenkins and the Foggy Bottom Morris Men for this annual celebration of winter's arrival.

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MONTHLY WORKSHOPS

Writing A Village

September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 14, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

This monthly poetry workshop is for those who love words, led by Anne Becker, poet laureate emerita of Takoma Park. All levels of experience welcome. Contact annebeck48@gmail.com for more information. Hydrangea Room. Free.

Photo Salon

September 28, October 26, November 23, December 28, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

A monthly salon for photographers to show and critique work. Professional, fine art and amateur photographers are welcome. Contact Rob Rudick, robrudick@yahoo.com, 301-270-2323 for more information. Hydrangea Room. Free.



Community Stories Festival

Thursday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.

Docs In Progress presents its fifth Community Stories Festival, an evening of homegrown documentaries produced about people and places around Takoma Park and Montgomery County.

Calvary! Parade! + and then I fell down

Thursday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.

A screening of two films by filmmaker Gabriel Rodriguez-Fuller, followed by a Q&A. "Calvary! Parade!" examines the institution of higher education through a group of rebelling, graduating college seniors. "and then I fell down" is a story of romance between two people who haven't met.



FILM

2nd Thursday of the month. Events include screenings of completed documentaries and occasional opportunities to participate in a feedback session to help filmmakers with documentaries in progress, as well as screenings of experimental work. Free.

The Computers

Thursday, September 10, 7:30 p.m.

The Computers explores the story of six women who programmed the ENIAC (the first all-electronic, programmable computer) as part of a secret World War II project. This story, about the founding of technologies we cannot live without today, was lost for almost 70 years. Screened in partnership Docs in Progress.

Join Hands: The Life and Art of Matt Sesow

Thursday, October 8, 7:30 p.m.

Documentarian Leslye Abbey started documenting Matt Sesow's story and artwork in 2001. In the film "Join Hands," Matt explains the childhood accident that resulted in the amputation of his left hand. Interviews with his family, collectors, and friends help tell the story of this unique contemporary American artist.



GALLERY EXHIBITS

A rotating exhibit featuring artists from around the region.

Luminous

An exhibit featuring work by Washington Wax Works and Becky Borlan

Exhibit opens Thursday, September 10, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with a reception. Closing reception Friday, October 30, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Mindscales

Featuring work by Suren Gevorgyan, Tishe Glassery, Jane Silver, Atousa Rassiyan and Sharon Wren Rogers

Thursday, November 5, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

We Are Takoma (cont.)

HUMANITIES LECTURES

1st Thursday of the month. In this brand new series, experts share their insights on history, pop-culture, Americana, and world cultures. Suggested \$10 donation.

Downton Abbey and History

Thursday, September 3, 7:30 p.m.
University of Maryland Professor Julie Anne Taddeo will explore the costume drama and its role in presenting the social and cultural life of early 20th century Britain to modern audiences.

Brewing Up History in Washington, DC

Thursday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.
Peter Jones and Michael Stein explore the history of brewing in DC – which was the second largest industry behind the Federal Government before Prohibition. They also explain their research into pre-prohibition recipes and why they try to taste the past.

BDSM: Sex, Hobby, Religion, or Art?

Thursday, November 5, 7:30 p.m.
Thanks to the popular novel and movie “50 Shades of Grey,” BDSM (Bondage & Discipline, Dominance & Submission, Sadism & Masochism) has become the topic of increasing public interest. Gallaudet Professor Julie Fennell will provide an in-depth academic perspective describing the BDSM subculture and why it thrives.

Breakin’ Around the Bloc: Hip-Hop Culture in East Germany during the Cold War

Thursday, December 3, 7:30 p.m.
Leonard Schmieding, a visiting professor at Georgetown University, describes the transfer of African American culture from West to East and analyzes its impact on the everyday life of teenagers in East Germany during the last decade of the Cold War.

**POETRY: 3RD THURSDAY SERIES**

The popular series, now in its 11th year, features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region. Free.

Thursday, September 17, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 17, 7:30 p.m.

PERFORMING ARTS

For kids and adults, these events showcase the diverse cultures and talents in our community. Suggested \$10 donation.

The Mystery of Balkan Song: Listen, Learn, and Sing!

Saturday, September 26, 7:30 p.m.
This program emphasizes the rich diversity of Balkan music and tradition of village singing. Orfeia’s lively singing, engaging storytelling, and captivating cultural information will appeal to people of all ages.

Cri-Cri “El Grillito Cantor” (The Singing Cricket)

Saturday, October 3, 4:00 p.m.
A bilingual, interactive musical program based on the songs of Mexican composer Francisco Gabilondo Soler. These songs and stories are fit for the whole family.

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Saturday, October 24, 7:30 p.m.
Taiko artist Mark H. Rooney and his collaborators meld dance, multimedia art, and Japanese taiko drumming in a show that explores the harmony and dissonance of rhythm and movement.

Lionel Daniels: Performance Painter & Artist

Saturday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.
Performance painter Lionel Daniels combines painting, dance, and digital media in one live-painting performance



titled “Unrest.” Daniels’ work explores black unrest and civil matters in the United States. Daniels will conclude his show with a Q&A with the audience.

Mosno Al-Moseeki and the Greek Nubian Collective

Saturday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.
Known as the 3rd World Rocker, Mosno Al-Moseeki is an international singer/songwriter and native of Sudan. His music fuses Arab-poetic lyrics with a pentatonic-influenced style of acoustic alternative rock, which he calls “Desert Eclectic.”

Instruments of the Future

Saturday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.
An evening of improvised music that explores vast sonic terrain, using both traditional instruments and self-built instruments made from found objects. The music draws from elements of avant-garde jazz, European free improvisation, and contemporary classical music.

Recreation Department

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Takoma Park, MD 20912
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f: 301-270-4094
recreation@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/recreation
Office hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department provides recreational opportunities for all ages! The department's facilities and programs are intended to refresh and rejuvenate residents, improve health and connect

families and the community. Staff are continually working to improve our offerings while adding new and innovative programs and activities to meet the ever changing needs of our residents and community.

Rental Requests

For more information about local parks and room rentals, see pages 6-8.



Roscoe the Rooster

Roscoe the Rooster made Takoma Park his home for 10 years, roaming the city and staking his territory on the lawn in front of and behind the apartment houses near Mark's Kitchen on Carroll Avenue. Roscoe died in a hit and run in February 1999.

A life-sized statue of Roscoe the Rooster, crafted by local artist Norman Greene, stands on a pedestal in front of the clock tower in the center of downtown Takoma Park.

Roscoe makes special appearances throughout the City Guide.

Is my class canceled due to weather?



The City of Takoma Park has several ways to let you know if City facilities are closed or classes are canceled: get notices via Takoma Park Alert (www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert); check the City's webpage; or call the Recreation Department's Inclement Weather Line (301-891-7101 x5605). Be sure to check local recreation program updates, Morning and Afternoon Addition, and/or any other interested area for updated activity information.

In general, if the Federal Government closes or has a delayed opening in the morning, the City does the same. Classes that begin before a delayed opening are usually canceled. Morning and Afternoon Addition and After the Bell programs follow the Montgomery County Public Schools declarations. If there is a 2-hour delay in the morning, Morning Addition starts at 9:00 a.m.



Recreation Committee

Jay Keller
Chair

Members

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| Carolyn Leary Bobb | Cherwanda Oliver |
| Rachel Coleman | Rachel Riknye |
| Cindy Dyballa | Pat Rumbaugh |
| Howard Kohn | Ray Scannell |
| Priscilla Lebovitz | Jen Wofford |

Takoma Park residents scholarships available for Recreation Dept programs

Scholarship program

The Takoma Park Recreation Department is committed to making scholarships available to City residents who cannot pay full price for recreation programs. Scholarships give Takoma Park residents an opportunity to learn, grow, and have fun.

Scholarship guidelines

- Applicants must be City residents.
- Scholarships are for youth, teens, and seniors. Please contact the Recreation Department for more information.
- If a child receives 'Free or Reduced Lunch,' he/she is eligible for a scholarship.

How to apply

1. Pick up an application from the Takoma Park Recreation Department, Administrative Office, 7500 Maple Ave.
2. After you have selected an activity, complete and turn in an application by the deadline along with additional forms to a staff member at the Takoma Park Recreation Department administrative office (7500 Maple Ave.).
3. It may take up to 10 business days to determine if a scholarship is approved. You will be contacted by our office with an updated status.
4. Scholarship applications and supplemental documentation must be submitted at least **three weeks prior** to the start of the program.



Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers assist with coaching, special events, class instruction and much more.

Volunteering is a rewarding and fun way to give back to the community. Volunteers of all ages needed.

For more information please call

301-891-7290

or visit

montgomeryserves.org

Volunteer Spotlight: Fall 2015

Howard and Diana Kohn in Ocean City this past April where Howard was presented with the Community Volunteer of the Year Award from Maryland Recreation and Park Association.



Howard and Diana Kohn are familiar faces in the Takoma Park community and in particular the City of Takoma Park Recreation Department. You can always find one of them or both of them at the city gardens (Takoma Park Community Center and Takoma Park Recreation Center), community festivals (Celebrate Takoma, Independence Day Celebration, Monster Bash, 125th Anniversary, etc) and they are strong advocates for civic involvement in Takoma Park (creation of the Takoma Park Community Center, re-dedication of Lee Jordan Field). Howard

was one of the organizers of the Winter Basketball League. This is an annual program that is eagerly anticipated by the Takoma Park community which this past winter had over 600 youth participate. Diana, who is the current President of Historic Takoma, Inc., finds time in her busy schedule to be an avid supporter of the Recreation Department's Forever Young 55 plus program. Recently, Diana partnered with the Recreation Department to host a "Victorian Tea" for seniors at the Historic Takoma location on Carroll Avenue in honor of the 125th Anniversary of Takoma Park's incorporation in 1890. Over the years, she has also spearheaded several educational day trips both in and outside the city. And she is currently working on a holiday event with the Senior Programs Manager.

There are a multitude of organizations, committees and projects both the Kohn's are part of or spearhead. Takoma Park is very fortunate to have visionaries such as Howard and Diana in the community. Thank you Howard and Diana for all that you do to make Takoma Park great!

Tots

Newborn-5



DANCE

Suto Dance

The Suto Dance Company has offered quality dance instruction to all levels since 1973. Suto offers professional, well organized dance programs as well as producing spectacular annual dance performances. The importance of technique, musicality and styling is stressed to all students at any level of training. Students are encouraged to participate for the entire 33 week program and also the two annual dance performances. **For more information or to register call 301-871-1000 or visit www.sutodance.com.** Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Suto Dance.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
3 - 4 years
33 Week Session
Saturdays, beginning September 12
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
\$176

Zumbini

Zumbini is a music and movement class for children 0 to 3 years, to attend with their music-loving caregiver. We combine original Zumba-style music with dancing, singing, instruments and scarves to create a fun and engaging 45 minute class. Each child will receive a "Bini Bundle" which includes two copies of our class music and a beautifully illustrated story book. There will be a \$30 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class.

Instructor: Amanda Holliday.
Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Newborn - 3 years
11 Week Session
Saturdays, September 12 - December 5
(No class on 10/10/15)
Session 1: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
Session 2: 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

DROP-IN

Community Playtime

This program is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to enjoy open playtime, read stories, sing songs, work on craft projects, enjoy a wonderful outdoor playground, and socialize. Community Playtime provides toys, craft items, a story time and a snack. Program does not operate when City offices are closed.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
English: Mondays, ongoing
Spanish: Fridays, ongoing
Newborn - 5 years
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Free



EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT



Based on a German model, Kindermusik was developed in the United States over 30 years ago. It is taught worldwide and incorporates the early childhood musical foundations of Kodaly, Suzuki, Orff, and more. Becky Linafelt received her Kindermusik teaching license in 2003 and is proud to be part of the Takoma Park community as a mom and educator. She is a member of the Early Childhood Music and Movement Association (ECMMA), the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and the Maryland Music Teachers Association (MMTA). Busy and curious toddlers also love Kindermusik® classes that are offered through the Takoma Park Recreation Department.

To register for all Kindermusik® classes, please visit: www.kmwithbecky.kindermusik.net

Kindermusik: Cuddle and Bounce

With age-appropriate activities for newborns, infants and crawlers, this parent-child music and movement class will help you strengthen those early parent-child bonds, understand your baby's development, and heavily focus

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TOTS

on child development and communication with your baby. You and your baby will enjoy instrument play, dance, exploration time, and together time with others. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn - 1 year
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, September 8 - October 27
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Resident: \$126 / Non-resident: \$156

Kindermusik: Sing and Play

Get ready to sing, play, and move with your little one in this high-energy music class designed to be just right for very young children. This new Kindermusik curriculum focuses on your child's beginning movement, helping to build the muscles your young toddler needs to walk, run, and climb; and on vocal development, helping your child's speaking and singing voice. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
1 - 2 years
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 9 - October 28
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Resident: \$126 / Non-resident: \$156

Kindermusik: Wiggle and Grow

This music-filled class celebrates the unique joys of your growing child. Each week your child will love singing, dancing, and playing instruments and you'll love helping him/her practice a wide variety of abilities such as gross and fine motor skills, turn-taking, social skills, and active listening. In class, we'll also share tips and ideas for using music throughout the week. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
2 - 3 years
8 Week Session
Wednesday Session:
September 9 - October 28
9:30 - 10:15 a.m. **OR**
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Thursday Session:
September 10 - October 29
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Saturday Session:
September 12 - October 31
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.
Resident: \$126 / Non-resident: \$156

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

Kindermusik: Family Time

Family Time is Kindermusik's version of the one-room schoolhouse. Bringing children of all ages together provides a dynamic and integrated learning experience for everyone. Families with one child or multiple children are welcome to attend. Sibling discount offered. One \$30 home materials per family included in registration fee. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Newborn - 6 years
8 Week Sessions
Tuesday Session:
September 8 - October 27
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Thursday Session:
September 10 - October 29
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
Saturday Session:
September 12 - October 31
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Resident: \$126 / Non-resident: \$156

Kindermusik: Move and Groove

In class, your child will be engaged in music and movement activities that also promote language, social and emotional skills, early math and early literacy, physical coordination, creativity and more. Plus, your child will learn basic music vocabulary and notation – all setting the stage for future school success and formal music lessons. Parents/ caregivers/siblings join the fun for the final 10 minutes of class. Instructor: Becky Linafelt.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
4 - 6 years
8 Week Sessions
Tuesday Session:
September 8 - October 27
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
Thursday Session:
September 10 - October 29
4:45 - 5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$136 / Non-resident: \$166

Spanish for Tots

This class is a mix of high-energy games, projects, music, movement, treasure hunts, and other fun activities. Children will learn the Spanish vocabulary needed to express themselves and their needs through complete language immersion. There will be a \$10 materials fee due to

the instructor on the first day of the class. Instructor: Maria Rhoe.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
3 - 6 years
6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays
Session 1: September 22 - October 27
Session 2: November 13 - December 8
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

SPORTS



Tennis Skills for Tots - Parent and Me

This 1/2 hour class is designed for the youngest of players, using red foam and felt balls, small racquets and nets. Emphasis will be placed on basic motor skills, body movement and eye racquet ball coordination, utilizing fun drills and games. Parent participation required. (No experience needed). Instructor: Coach SJ.

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
3 - 5 years
8 Week Session
Sundays, September 13 - November 8
Session 1: 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Session 2: 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
Resident: \$50 / Non-resident: \$60



Youth

5-12



ART

MAKE/Shift Studio I: Art Inspirations

Elementary students create exciting two- and three-dimensional projects in this after school class. Lessons include drawing, painting, collage, assemblage and mixed media. Every class a different subject and medium. Children learn to express themselves and engage in visual problem solving while producing beautiful works using color, shape, line, texture and pattern. Contemporary and historical artists provide inspiration for this art program geared for 3rd through 6th graders. Beginning students welcome. Materials fee included. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
8 - 11 years
6 Week Sessions
Thursdays

Session 1: September 10 - October 15
Session 2: October 29 - December 17
3:45 - 5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

MAKE/Shift Studio II: Drawing & Watercolor

Have fun learning to draw with black, white, and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed media approaches to representational imagery. Subjects will include still life, portrait, landscape (weather permitting) and floral studies. Beginning students welcome. The focus of the class is appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio for entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School. Materials fee of \$25, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of each session. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio

301-891-7100

7500 Maple Avenue
11 - 14 years
6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays

Session 1: September 22 - October 27
Session 2: November 10 - December 15
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$145/ Non-resident: \$165

CAMPS

Winter Break Camp



Come experience Winter Break Camp with the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Campers will have the opportunity to add some excitement to their holiday break while playing holiday games with group activities and crafts. This winter break is set to be a whole lot of holiday fun. Before Care and After Care are available for an additional fee. There will be no camp on Friday, January 1, 2016.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5 - 12 years
Monday - Thursday
December 28 - December 31 (No camp on 1/1/16)
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-Resident: \$120

Winter Break Camp
Before Care and After Care

Available for those families who require or desire additional activities beyond the regular camp hours. Activities include games, outdoor play and sports.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5 - 12 years

Monday - Thursday
December 28 - December 31
Before Care: 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
After Care: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Resident: \$25 each / Non-resident: \$35 each

DANCE

Suto Dance

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Takoma Park Recreation Center
Back Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5 - 12 years
33 Week Session
Saturdays, beginning September 12
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
\$176



EXTENDED CARE

School Year Child Care Programs Registration Began in March Don't Wait, Spaces Always Fill!

- There is a 20% deposit due at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be divided into eight (8) monthly payments. The next payment will be due Oct. 1st.
- Once you are registered and payment has been made, the Participant Information Form must be completed BEFORE your child can attend the program. This form can be found online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation.

- On half days of school, the After School Programs will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Recreation Department provides Fun Day Programs on full days and some holidays for an additional fee.
- These programs will not operate on the days schools are closed: holidays or other school closings (including inclement weather, professional days, winter or spring breaks or school emergency closings).
- Recreation Staff will escort children who attend Takoma Park Elementary School and Piney Branch Elementary School to and from Takoma Park Community Center on whole and half days for Morning and Afternoon Addition only.
- Participants who attend the After the Bell Program must provide their own transportation to and from the Takoma Park Recreation Center.
- Scholarship applications must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to the start of the program.
- A discount will be offered to those who register for both Morning and Afternoon Addition:

T.P. City Residents \$2,850
Non-Residents \$3,450

**At this time both Morning and Afternoon Addition at the Community Center are full. We are placing names on a waitlist and if a space becomes available we will contact you.*

After the Bell 2015-16

This after school childcare program for MCPS 2015-2016 school year will provide a safe environment for children in grades K-5. Participants will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and special events. Each day they will receive a snack, have homework time, and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, free play and more. Transportation will not be provided by the Recreation Dept., please contact MCPS Transportation 301-840-8130 to change your bus route to New Hampshire Towers and we will meet them at the bus stop. The "After the Bell" Program will not operate on days MCPS is closed.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Kindergarten - 5th Grade
Monday - Friday
August 31, 2015 - June 17, 2016
3:30 - 6:00 p.m.
\$1,250

Morning Addition Childcare 2015-16

This before-school program is designed for those families that need early morning options before the school day starts. Staff will be available to provide informal recreation activities and will escort participants to Takoma Park Elementary School and Piney Branch Elementary School. Children will also have time for homework assignments, breakfast (not provided) or to prepare for their day at school. ***This program is currently full but a waitlist is being accepted.**

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Kindergarten - 5th Grade
Monday - Friday
August 31, 2015 - June 17, 2016
7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Resident: \$1,300 /
Non-resident: \$1,600

Afternoon Addition Childcare 2015-16

Emphasis is on providing leisure and recreation programs utilizing our facilities to include, but not limited to, the computer center, dance studio, art room, game room, athletic fields, library and more. We have some exciting activities planned this year including: drama, music, art, special guests, sports, study time and playtime that will enlighten, empower and enrich minds and imaginations. ***This program is currently full but a waitlist is being accepted.**

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
Kindergarten-5th Grade
Monday - Friday
August 31, 2015 - June 17, 2016
3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Resident: \$2,100 /
Non-resident: \$2,600

DRAMA & THEATER

Dungeons and Dragons

They creep through the twilight, quiet as shadows muttering a language long forgotten, a language only spoken by ghosts. Use your imagination and storytelling ability in this classic fantasy role-playing game. Roll dice to cast spells and battle monsters. Creativity and cooperation help the group “survive.” Taught by the library’s own Dave Burbank.

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
9 -18 years
5 Week Sessions
Thursdays

Session 1: September 3 - October 1
Session 2: October 8 - November 5
Session 3: November 12 - December 17
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Resident: \$45 / Non-resident: \$55

DROP-IN

Kids Night Out

Want a night to yourself while your kids have a blast with their friends? Bring your children to the Takoma Park Recreation Center’s Kid’s Night Out. This will be a fun-filled night for children with games, arts & crafts, movies and theme nights. Free with membership.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6 - 12 years
Ongoing Fridays
7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Babysitting Class

This class is designed for those interested in learning more about babysitting. Topics covered include: CPR, Fire Safety, First Aid, infant and child care, and personal safety. A certificate will be issued upon completion of all five classes and exam. Co-sponsored by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department. All classes will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire House. Instructor: Chief Jarboe.

Takoma Park Volunteer Fire House

7201 Carroll Avenue
11 - 13 years
5 Week Session
Mondays, October 5 - November 2
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Free

FITNESS

Ask us about our upcoming Youth Fitness Classes!
Call 301-891-7289



Step Team

Stepping is a form of dance in which you use your entire body as an instrument to produce rhythms and beats through footsteps, clapping, and words or chanting. Stepping is popular among college fraternities and sororities. Members will learn self-expression, coordination, self-discipline and teamwork. The team will consist of approximately 10 - 12 girls and boys between the ages of 6 - 12 years old. Practice will take place 2 days per week, 1 hour per day. No experience is necessary and we welcome all who are willing to learn. Instructor: Cathy Gayle.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6 - 12 years
Ongoing Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card

ENVIRONMENTAL

Community Garden

Volunteers are always welcome. You will gain hands-on experience about how to grow food as you work alongside garden veterans. Our team of volunteers from the neighborhood community, environmental change-makers and other area organizations tend, harvest, seed, and water the garden together (and have a great social time doing it!). Installation parties are on selected Saturdays in the fall. We welcome your help with the garden.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Garden
7315 New Hampshire Avenue

6 - 14 years
Saturdays, September 5, September 26, October 3 and October 24
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Free

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu

This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise which helps the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination. The student will gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. There is a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$50 paid to the instructor at the first class for a uniform. Instructor: Master Thompson.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
4 - 16 years
10 Week Sessions
Saturdays, September 12 - November 14
Beginners: 10:15 -11:15 a.m.
Advanced: 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Resident: \$129 / Non-resident: \$149

Taekwondo

Taekwondo is composed of three parts as shown in the English spelling, though it is one word in Korean. “Tae” means “foot,” “leg,” or “to step on”; “Kwon” means “fist,” or “fight”; and “Do” means the “way” or “discipline.” It can mean the way or discipline of foot and fist. Martial arts are studied for combat skills, cultivation (meditation), mental discipline, character development, and building self-confidence. There is a one-time, non-refundable fee paid to the instructor at the first class for a uniform(\$40 children, \$50 for adult). Instructor: Felix Lindeire.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
5 years and older
12 Week Session
Mondays, September 14 - November 30
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

SPORTS

Basketball Skills Clinic

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of this skills clinic. Participants will be provided with excellent coaching which allows each

Recreation: Youth (cont.)

person to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Greg Harris.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6 - 12 years
Saturdays

Session 1 (8 Weeks):

September 12 - October 31

Session 2 (6 Weeks):

November 7 - December 19

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

8 Week Session: \$80

6 Week Session: \$60

Futsal League 2016

**DON'T
MISS
OUT!**

Futsal, a sport that is similar to soccer, offers the perfect combination of learning and fun. It is designed to improve fundamental technique and skill development during the winter months. It's also a great opportunity to meet new friends, stay in shape and prepare for the upcoming season. For the last two years, the program has been filled to capacity with a wait list. Please note that program registration is first come first serve and space is limited to 60 participants. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as coaches. **Registration starts Aug 17, so don't wait!**

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
7 - 10 years
6 Week Season
Sundays, January 10, 2016 - February 14, 2016
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
\$60

Outdoor Street Hockey

This program is ideal for any child that wants to have fun and be active. This sport is based on ice hockey, but is played on foot and with a special ball made especially for street hockey. Street hockey can enhance your child's motor skills and concentration while instilling the art of sportsmanship. Games take place on the outdoor basketball court, next to Takoma Park Community Center. Instructor: TBD.

Takoma Park Community Center
Outdoor Basketball Court
7500 Maple Avenue
7 - 13 years

5 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 30 - October 28
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Resident: Free / Non-resident: \$10

Tennis Clinic

This fun and exciting program gives youth the opportunity to learn and nurture their tennis skills. Our goal is to use tennis as a tool that supports and enhances your child's personal growth, physical health and academic achievement. Structured tennis instruction is an excellent vehicle for building character, developing discipline and promoting physical fitness. Please bring your own racquet and a water bottle. If you do not own a racquet, the Recreation Department will provide one for the clinic. Instructor: Coach S.J.

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
5 Week Session
Tuesdays, September 15 - October 13
Ages 7 - 9: 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Ages 10 - 13: 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.
Resident: \$45 / Non-resident: \$55

Tennis Skills for Beginners

In this class we will introduce and develop basic groundstrokes, using red and orange balls on a shortened court. Then we will progress to green/yellow balls and full court, improving groundstroke consistency/accuracy and working on serves/volleys. Instructor: Coach S.J.

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
6 - 12 years
8 Week Session
Sundays, September 13 - November 8
Session 1: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Session 2: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$110

Winter Basketball League 2016

The Winter Basketball League is a non-competitive, developmental, community league. Program goals are to introduce boys and girls to the fundamentals of basketball; emphasize that playing the game and being a member of a team are more important than winning; encourage personal improvement, sportsmanship, and fun; provide comparable playing time for all participants; and meet new kids from

the community and surrounding areas. Practice times vary throughout the week at various local schools.

Coaching Information: Volunteer coaches are always needed, training is provided.

Team Assignments: Coed divisions will reflect gender equity based on number of participants.

Special Requests: Requests must be made in writing and submitted to the Takoma Park Recreation Department league coordinator.

Registration will open Aug 17th, so don't wait!

Various Local Schools
Gymnasiums
Kindergarten - 8th Grade
8 Week Season
Saturdays, January 16, 2016 - March 5, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Resident: \$70 / Non-resident: \$80

TRIPS

Fun Day

The Fun Day Program offers exciting field trips on scheduled whole day school closings. Participants will meet at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Participants must pack a lunch. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change. Space is limited, sign up early. Additional paperwork is required, prior to the start of the program.

Takoma Park Community Center
Azalea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
5 - 12 years
1 Day Sessions
Monday, September 14: Medieval Times
Wednesday, September 23:
Chesapeake Children's Museum
Friday, October 16: Laser Tag
Monday, November 2: Maryland Science Center
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Resident: \$40 each day / Non-resident: \$50 each day

**Futsal &
Winter
Basketball League
Registrations
Begin August 17!
Space Is Limited**




Teens

13-17



ART

See Art programs on page 21 (from Youth) and page 27 (from Adult)



DRAMA

See Dungeons & Dragons on page 23 (in Youth)



Intro to Costume Design

Have you ever been to the theatre and been taken by the costumes? Do you want to be a fashion designer? Or are you just interested in trying something creative and working with a team? In this four-part course we will cover the basic elements of design, costume rendering techniques and bringing one of your very own costume design ideas to life. Come experience the costume design process from page to stage! Kim Parkman is a costume maker and designer with 12 years of professional experience based right here in Takoma Park. Instructor: Kim Parkman

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
13 - 17 years
4 Week Session
Thursdays, September 17 - October 8
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Resident: Free / Non-resident: \$15

DANCE

Suto Dance

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Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12 - 17 years
33 Week Session
Saturdays, beginning September 12
12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
\$176

DROP-IN

Teen Lounge

This renovated special room is for TEENS ONLY. Ages 13 - 17 are welcome to become members to gain access to two 50 inch and one 70 inch LED SMART TV. We also have X-Box One and Wii Games, workstations, board games and comfy sitting areas for socializing with friends. Come join us after school for fun and laughs and on special events for an amazing time.

Takoma Park Community Center
Teen Lounge
7500 Maple Avenue
13 - 17 years
Ongoing
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays: 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: Closed
Free

Teen Night

Looking for something exciting to do? The Takoma Park Recreation Center provides high quality, affordable, safe and FUN activities for teens. Nothing to do on Friday night? Come on out to a night of games, activities and more. Bring your friends for a cheap night out of the house. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
12 - 16 years
Ongoing Second and Fourth Fridays
7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card



TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

Recreation: Teens (cont.)

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

See Babysitting Class on page 23 (in Youth)



Charm School

Teens are cordially invited to attend a FREE Charm School course. Classes taught will be: Positive Life Skills, Grooming & Style, Respect & Manners, Appreciation, Dating with Dignity, Conversation Skills & Public Speaking, Workplace Dynamics, and Etiquette for Social Events. Instructor: Charmonique Vogue.

Takoma Park Community Center
Hydrangea Room
7500 Maple Avenue
12 - 17 years
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 16 - November 4
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Resident: Free / Non-resident: \$10

SAT Preparation: Reading and Writing

This course is designed to cover the critical reading and writing sections applicable to the SAT test. Students will learn valuable test-taking strategies and knowledge building strategies to help improve their scores. When students complete the course, they should be able to organize thoughts for a timed essay, interpret selected reading passages, use diverse vocabulary, and

determine the necessary skill needed for each question. In addition, this course is designed to pinpoint the student's strengths and weaknesses, drill with practice quizzes, and review techniques that will help identify question types and apply appropriate strategies for success. Instructor: Barbara Rosenblatt.

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
13 - 17 years
6 Week Session
Mondays, September 14 - October 19
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Resident: Free / Non-resident: \$10

FITNESS

See Fitness Classes on page 28-30 (in Adults)



SPORTS

See Winter Basketball League on page 24 (in Youth)



Tennis Skills for Beginners

This class is for teens and adults with little to no prior tennis experience. We will introduce and develop basic groundstrokes, using red and orange balls on a shortened court. Then we will progress to green/yellow balls and full court, improving groundstroke consistency/accuracy and working on serves/volleys. Instructor: Coach SJ.

Takoma Park Middle School
Tennis Courts
7611 Piney Branch Road
13 years and older
8 Week Session
Sundays, September 13 - November 8
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$110

MARTIAL ARTS

See Kung Fu Takewondo on page 23 Youth) and Karate Self-Defense on page 30 (in Adults)



MULTI MEDIA

See Multimedia on page 30 (in Adult)



LOOKING FOR TEEN ROOM STAFF AND INSTRUCTORS!



The Recreation Department is currently seeking part time staff to work and program the Teen Room at the Community Center.

Hours vary between 3 p.m. - 8 p.m., Monday – Friday, with some weekend work required. Must love to have fun and want to be a positive influence on local teens.

The Recreation Department is also seeking qualified instructors to teach a variety of dance, arts, fitness and computer classes.

Apply online at www.takomaparkmd.gov



Adults

16+ years



ART

Ceramics: Hand Building

Come learn hand building and make bowls, soap dishes, trays and more. Hand building is pottery made from clay slabs and plaster molds. There will be wheel throwing available at this time for those who have used the wheel before. There is a \$20 material fee for clay and glazes. All glazes are food safe. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Session
Mondays, October 5 - November 23
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

Ceramics: Sculpture

Come make bowls, vases, mosaics, tiles, sculpture heads, clay animals and more. Your imagination is your only limit. All glazes are food safe. Tools and other materials provided. There is a \$20 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Fridays, October 2 - November 20
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

Ceramics: Beginners Wheel Throwing

Receive instruction on using the potter's wheel for beginners. Participants will learn tool usage and how to center clay. Tools and other materials provided. There is a \$20 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Session
Wednesdays, October 7 - December 2
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

Ceramics: Advanced Wheel Throwing

Receive instruction on using the potter's wheel. Participants will make cups, bowls and dishes. Tools and other materials provided. There is a \$20 materials fee due to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Alice Sims, Art for the People.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Mondays, October 5 - November 23
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95

Collage

Have fun working with found, purchased and altered papers, while learning how collage methods can enhance your art-making process, whatever medium you use. You will be introduced to a variety of collage techniques, work with elements and principals of design, and explore creative two- and three-dimensional assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable for beginners, as well as more experienced students. Basic materials (adhesives, supports, papers and paints) will be available (some personal or found collage elements may be desirable in addition to materials provided). A materials fee of \$30, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman.

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays
Session 1: September 22 - October 27
Session 2: November 10 - December 15
11:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Resident: \$210 / Non-resident: \$240

DANCE

Suto Dance

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Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
33 Week Session
Saturdays, beginning September 12
1:15 - 3:30 p.m.
\$176

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ENVIRONMENTAL

Community Garden

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Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoor Garden
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 year and older
Saturdays, September 5, September 26, October 3 and October 24
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Free

FITNESS

Boom! Body Boot Camp

This high intensity boot camp is a workout for those who are serious about getting in shape. Our boot camp focuses on all areas of the body, improving stamina and overall health through the use of agility drills, plyometrics, Pilates and strength training. We will use great music to keep you energized and motivated. Instructors: Jeanette Chandler & Stacy Julien of StayJay Fitness.

Takoma Park Community Center

Dance Room
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
4 Week Sessions
Session 1: September 16 - October 10
Session 2: October 14 - November 7
Session 3: November 14 - December 5
Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120 / Drop-in: \$15

Cardio-Intense Groove & Strength Training

Fly into big, fast, easy moves to a consistent beat. Always intense, with movements that will max you out. Working out has never felt this good. Workout includes strength training with resistance tools and Pilates-based core work. Participants should bring own mat. Instructor: Nancy Nickell.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Room
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
Fridays
Session 1 (8 Weeks):
September 11 - October 30
Session 2 (4 Weeks):
November 6 - December 4
7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
8 Week Session:
Resident: \$64 / Non-resident: \$74
4 Week Session:
Resident: \$32 / Non-resident: \$42



Everyday Qi Gong

Simple, everyday movements to improve health, mobility, flexibility and general happiness and peace of mind. We will share exercises from many different classes, culling the ones that we practice regularly in the morning and throughout the day. You will find benefits quickly — invigorating energy systems, opening up joints and relaxing our bodies, minds and spirits. Instructor: Joann Malone.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
6 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 16 - October 21
7:15 - 8:15 p.m.
Resident: \$85 / Non-resident: \$95
Drop-in: \$15

Jazzercise

Jazzercise is the art of jazz combined with the science of exercise physiology. Each 60 minute class includes easy to follow fun aerobic dance routines, weights for muscle strength, and stretching exercises, all to the beat of great music ranging from oldies to jazz to the newest pop tunes. For more information or to register, call 301-351-4575. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Jazzercise.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Ongoing
Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
\$45 month/12 month minimum
\$120/8 weeks
Drop-in: \$15

Ladies Boot Camp: Beginners

A total body program that includes a circuit of drills such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches and weight training all within a quick hour. Students are required to bring their own mat. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness.

Takoma Park Recreation Center Gym



Recreation: Adults (cont.)

7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Sessions
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Session 1: September 8 - October 29
Session 2: November 3 - January 5
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
\$85 / Drop-in: \$10

Pilates: Beginners

A fun and invigorating workout that teaches controlled movements utilizing the body’s “core” — abdomen, back, and hips. Pilates improves core control, coordination, standing alignment and balance with mat exercises. Pilates is the ultimate mind-body exercise for anyone who wants to tone, streamline, and realign their body. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Students are required to bring their own mat and hand weights. Instructor: Nancy Nickell.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
Wednesdays
Session 1 (6 Weeks):
September 9 - October 14
Session 2 (4 Weeks):
October 21 - November 18
Session 3 (4 Weeks):
November 25 - December 16
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
6 Week Session: \$60
4 Week Session: \$40



Sadcie: Caribbean Fitness

Want to experience a workout while learning dance moves and choreography, which you can use where ever you go? Do you love soca, dancehall, reggae, kaiso, and other musical genres of the West Indies? Do you want to learn more about the Caribbean culture? Then come to a SADCIE (S-ah-d-see) class where you'll experience the music and movement of the Caribbean Diaspora. You'll be sure to get the party started with Sadcie in your back pocket. So why be fit when you can FETE (party)? Because Sadcie is not fitness, it's REAL FETENESS! Instructor: Dennis A. Wilson.
301-891-7100

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
4 Week Sessions
Wednesdays and Saturdays
Session 1: September 9 - October 3
Session 2: October 7 - October 31
Session 3: November 4 - December 5
Session 4: December 9 - December 30
Wednesdays, 6:00 - 6:55 p.m.
Saturdays, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
\$40 / Drop-in: \$10

Tai Chi Chuan: Basics

In this introductory class, the focus is on Tai Chi principles and how they help us relax and make our bodies stronger, more flexible and more efficient. Section One of the form is introduced. Instructor: Andy Unger.
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
13 Week Session
Thursdays, September 10 - December 10
6:15 - 7:10 p.m.
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

Tai Chi Chuan: Tai Chi Form

This class continues the work on Tai Chi fundamentals, while focusing on learning the remainder of the 37-posture Yang Short Form. Instructor: Andy Unger.
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
13 Week Session
Thursdays, September 10 - December 10
7:15 - 8:10 p.m.
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

Tai Chi Chuan: Continuing with Tai Chi

This class is for students who have some confidence with the 37-posture Yang Short Form, and want to continue refining their Tai Chi skills. The focus remains the understanding and execution of the form. Instructor: Andy Unger.
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
13 Week Session
Thursdays, September 10 - December 10
8:15 - 9:10 p.m.

Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

Yoga (Iyengar): Beginners

Yoga can be all about strength and flexibility, but more importantly it is about awareness and alignment. As you work with your body throughout the foundation poses in this class, you will also develop the qualities of attentiveness and quietness of the mind. Mats and props will be provided to make each pose accessible to all levels of flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing (not too baggy) and come on an empty stomach. Instructor: Tesheen Chettri.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
15 Week Session
Tuesdays, September 8 - December 15
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170
Drop-in: \$12

Yoga (Iyengar): Intermediate

For the Intermediate student, Iyengar Yoga takes one deeper into the poses. As one gains strength and stability, one moves towards the alignment and harmony of the body and the mind, and eventually the mind with the soul. This Iyengar Yoga class will introduce the more advanced poses and include inversions. The class is appropriate for those who have a firm foundation on Level I (Beginner's class). Introductory pranayama (breathing) will be included in the session. Mats and props are provided. Instructor: Tesheen Chettri.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
18 years and older
15 Week Session
Tuesdays, September 8 - December 15
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170
Drop-in: \$12

Yoga Nidra: Meditation and Relaxation

Each class includes gentle yoga stretches, breath techniques, and a guided Yoga Nidra (meditation) practice. No previous yoga or meditation experience needed. Please bring a yoga mat, blankets, and pillow so you will be able to rest in a comfortable lying or seated position as the instructor guides you through each

Recreation: Adults (cont.)

TOTS

YOUTH

TEENS

ADULTS

55+

PETS

practice. Instructor: Carole Mermey.
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple
16 years and older
6 Week Session
Mondays, September 28 - November 9
(No class 10/12/15)
7:30 - 8:45 p.m.
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85
Drop-in: \$15

MARTIAL ARTS

See Kung Fu and Taekwondo on page 23 (in Youth)



Karate/Self-Defense

Promote physical fitness, self-defense, leadership and cultural exchange through the practice of a traditional Okinawan karate style, Isshinryu (which means One Heart Way). Beginners welcome. This program is a partnership between the Takoma Park Recreation Department and the Penn State University Karate Club. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Instructor: Penn State University Karate Club.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Back Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue

16 years and older
Ongoing Mondays and Wednesdays
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Free with Recreation Center membership card

MULTI MEDIA

Adobe InDesign

Do you have a basic knowledge of InDesign and want to take your design and technical skills to the next level? Learn crucial design rules and time-saving shortcuts to help you create your next print project. Use the last 30 minutes of each class to develop your next project and practice your new skills under teacher supervision. Instructor: Gabrielle Moskey.

Takoma Park Community Center
Multimedia Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
9 Week Session
Mondays, September 28 - November 23
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140



Motion Graphics

Learn about video editing, graphics generation, and animation using Adobe After Effects. This 8 week course will show you everything you need to start making your own videos and animation.

No experience needed. Instructor: Will Bockrath.

Takoma Park Community Center
Multimedia Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Tuesday, September 29 - November 17
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
Resident: \$110 / Non-resident: \$130

Video Editing w/Final Cut Pro: Beginners

Introduction to video editing using Apple's latest version of Final Cut Pro. Participants will learn the general interface, keyboard shortcuts and all pertinent terminology. Learn how to create and organize projects, log and capture video, add transitions and effects, basic text manipulation and timeline-based storytelling. Instructor: Isaac Asare.

Takoma Park Community Center
Multimedia Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Wednesday, September 23 - November 18
6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140

Video Editing with Final Cut Pro: Advanced

This course involves a brief review of some Final Cut Pro interface basics. The course will cover some of the more advanced concepts in Final Cut Pro such as keyframing, motion effects, color correction, composition, filters, slow motion, and graphic manipulation. Instructor: Isaac Asare.

Takoma Park Community Center
Multimedia Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Wednesday, September 23 - November 18
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Resident: \$140 / Non-resident: \$160



SO MANY CLASSES, SO LITTLE TIME!



55+

Remember you can also
register online beginning
Monday, August 17
at 8:30 a.m.

*(User name and Activenet
password needed in advance).*



ART



Landscapes and Seascapes

This course through Montgomery College will help students learn to paint exquisite landscapes and seascapes from photos using watercolor, acrylic or oil. Rather than simply “copying a photograph” students will learn to interpret the reference material to express their artistic voices. Analysis of the work of French Impressionists and Post Impressionists such as Monet, Seurat, Van Gogh and Cezanne will be used for inspiration. All skill levels welcome. Lifelong Learning Institute, Montgomery College course #LLI705. **Registration and payment to Montgomery College Workforce and Continuing Education, Rockville, Maryland or <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/edu>. For more information and registration assistance, please call Montgomery College at 240-567-5188.**

Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
301-891-7100

SENIORS ARE ADULTS TOO!

Don't forget to check out the Adult class
offerings on pages 28-30.
Ask us about scholarship opportunities.



6 Week Session
Thursdays, October 8 - November 12
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tuition waiver applies; Adults 60 and
older: \$88 / Adults 55-59: \$170
Register through Montgomery College

DROP-IN

Bingo

Come and try your luck. Win a prize.
Drop-in. No registration required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
4 Week Session
Thursdays, September 24, October 22,
November 19 and December 17
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Free

Game Room Open Play

The Game Room is available for adults age
55 and older to play pool, table tennis,
basketball arcade and other active games.
The game room is a great place to join
your friends for lively conversation, and
just to hang out before, in-between, and
after classes during the day.

Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
Ongoing
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Free

Needlework Get-together

Work on your knitting and crochet with
other needlework enthusiasts. Join us for
fun, conversation and support with your
projects. This is not an instructional class.

TOTS

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PETS

Drop-in. No registration required. The group will not meet during inclement weather.

Takoma Park Community Center
Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
16 Week Session
Mondays, September 14 - December 28
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Free

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Computer Class

Learn how to use the internet and email. Use a word processing program to make lists and type letters. You need a Takoma Park Library card to access the computers. Instructors: Patti Mallin and Jim Mueller.

Takoma Park Community Center
Computer Room A
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
6 Week Sessions
Wednesdays
Session 1: September 9 - October 14
Session 2: Wednesdays, October 28 - December 16 (No class on 11/11/15 and 11/25/15)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
\$10



Getting Started with Social Media

This course through Montgomery College is for adults ages 55 and older interested in learning the basics of social media and will bring you up to speed on how to create, use, and maintain a Facebook page and Twitter account. The course will also cover how to update your status, post photos and videos, and connect with friends and business accounts on Facebook, as well as how to tweet, post photos and videos and find accounts to follow on Twitter. Become familiar with Facebook's privacy policies and settings. Lifelong Learning Institute, Montgomery College course #LLI694. **Registration and payment to Montgomery College Workforce and Continuing Education, Rockville, Maryland or <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/edu>. For more information and registration**

assistance, please call Montgomery College at 240-567-5188.

Takoma Park Community Center
Multimedia Lab
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
3 Week Session
Thursdays, October 15 - October 29
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Tuition waiver applies; Adults 60 and older: \$60 / Adults 55-59: \$129
Register through Montgomery College



Gold Leaf Through The Ages

For thousands of years, gold leaf has been used worldwide to give surfaces beauty, value, honor and longevity because of its unique qualities. In this overview presentation you will learn its many uses, how it is applied, and its many imitators. Allen and Ina Marx, retired owners of a restoration of antique furniture business, and longtime members of the Society of Gilders, will show a sampling of their restorations using gold leaf.

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
1 Day Session
Wednesday, October 14
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Free but registration is required

FITNESS

Blood Pressure Screening

Adventist Healthcare conducts monthly blood pressure screenings. Drop-in. No registration required.
Takoma Park Community Center



Senior Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
Thursdays, September 24, October 22, November 19 and December 17
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Free

Cardio Groove

High energy and fast-paced, low impact Aerobics that get the heart pumping and feet moving quickly, followed by a cool down and stretch. Instructor: Nancy Nickell.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
8 Week Session
Thursdays, September 10 - October 29
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Free

Full Body Fusion

Active adults will enjoy this low-impact, full-body workout to music. Elements of balance, movement, strengthening, and yoga blend to create a fun, functional and energetic workout. Bring an exercise mat to class. Instructor: Jaylene Sarracino.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
New Hampshire Avenue
55 years and older
10 Week Session
Tuesdays, September 8 - November 10
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Free

Gentle Yoga

Yoga can help increase flexibility, strength, and balance, using a series of seated and standing poses. Learn breathing and relaxation techniques. Beginners and experienced students welcome. Work at

Recreation: 55+ (cont.)

your own level. Requirement: You must bring a yoga mat to class. Instructor: Carol Mermey.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
7 Week Session
Alternate Fridays, September 11-
December 18
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Free

Line Dancing

Line dancing is great physical and mental exercise, and an enjoyable social activity that leads to meeting new people and making new friends. Strengthening of bones and muscles, weight loss, increased stamina and flexibility, and stress reduction are just some of the benefits of dancing. Learn how exercise can be fun with music. No experience necessary. Instructor: Barbara Brown.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
12 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 2 - December 16
(No class 9/23, 9/30, 11/11, 11/25)
10:50 - 11:50 a.m.
Free

Zumba Gold

Zumba Gold is the Latin-inspired dance fitness program that makes working out fun. Designed for the active senior, the Zumba Gold workout provides participants with the opportunity to improve balance, flexibility and cardiovascular strength. Due to the popularity of the Zumba classes, you may register for one class per week only, Tuesdays or Saturdays, but not both days. Choose the class that fits your schedule. Instructor: Denny Pruitt.



Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
10 Week Sessions
Tuesday Early Session:
September 15 - November 17,
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday Late Session:
September 15 - November 17,
12:45 - 1:30 p.m.
Saturday Session:
September 19 - November 21,
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.
Free

SPORTS



Basketball Skills Clinic

Learn and practice basketball fundamentals including ball handling, shooting form and defensive stance. In addition the class will participate in 1 on 1, 3 on 3, and 5 on 5 games. Instructor: Rochelle Coleman.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 years and older
8 Week Session
Tuesdays, September 8 - October 27
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Free

Table Tennis

Come play this fun, energetic game with other table tennis players. A great way to improve eye-hand coordination; helps keep the body healthy and the mind sharp. Drop-in. No registration required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
Ongoing
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Free

Table Tennis Skills (Ping Pong)

Great fun! Led by Donn Olsen, coach and instructor, this class provides enjoyable physical exercise and requires no prior experience. Students will learn game rules

and practice skills.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Front Room
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 years and older
8 Week Session
Thursdays, September 10 - October 29
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Free

Tennis Fun & Fitness Skills Class

Rediscover your love of tennis or help find it for the first time by playing this lifelong game. This class blends exercise with learning or reviewing skills. The goal is fun and fitness utilizing special equipment for indoor play. All equipment provided, but you can bring your own racket. Instructor: Coach SJ.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
55 years and older
10 Week Session
Thursdays, September 10 - November 19
(No class 10/12)
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Free

WORKSHOPS



Living Well

This is a free six-week workshop series for those who want to learn how to better manage and maintain an active and fulfilling life with chronic conditions such as arthritis, asthma, diabetes, heart disease, osteoporosis and high blood pressure. Learn techniques to improve your health through healthy eating, appropriate exercise, communication skills, informed treatment decisions, action-planning, problem solving and more. Registration is required. **To register, please call Holy Cross Hospital at 301-754-8800.**

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 years and older
6 Week Session
Mondays, September 14 - October 26
(No class 10/12)
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Free
Register through Holy Cross

Pets

**NEW! REGISTER WITH THE RECREATION
DEPARTMENT ONLINE OR IN PERSON!**



Basic Dog Manners

It is never too late to start training with your dog. This class focuses on teaching the polite behaviors we want from our dogs in the real world, on a leash, at home, and with other dogs and people. This class covers foundation behaviors (Sit, Down, Stay, Here, Leave It), leash manners (not pulling, passing dogs and people), polite greetings, dog body language, and how reinforcement works. Dogs should be friendly toward dogs and people and current on vaccinations. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom, please. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 1 year and older
6 Week Sessions
Wednesdays

Session 1: September 9 - October 14

Session 2: October 28 - December 9
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

Doggie Tricks and Games

Want to show off for the relatives or post cute online videos of your dog? Join us for Tricks and Games, a great way to train with your dog and have fun at the same time. We'll cover tricks such as shake, crawling, spin in a circle, putting toys away, and pushing objects. You can work at you and your dog's pace, and decide which tricks you want to teach. Dogs should have some basic training on manners. Dogs should be friendly

toward dogs and people and current on vaccinations. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom, please. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 6 months and older
6 Week Sessions
Wednesday

Session 1: September 9 - October 14

Session 2: October 28 - December 9
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165

Puppy Kindergarten

If you have a puppy, you need Puppy Kindergarten. Early puppy training and socialization has been shown to help prevent behavior problems later on. Each class will include supervised off-leash play, where you will learn about dog body language and appropriate play. Most of all, we'll have fun! No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 6 months and older
6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays

Session 1: September 8 - October 13

Session 2: October 27 - December 1
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Resident: \$145 /
Non-resident: \$165



Puppy II: For the Adolescent Puppy

Puppies in adolescence (between of 6-18 months of age) tend to get bolder, less focused, and develop selective listening. This class will teach and build upon basic skills with a focus on impulse control, not jumping, and polite behavior around other dogs and people. Whether you've been through puppy class or just adopted your puppy, this class will teach the manners your pup needs. Dogs should be friendly toward dogs and people and current on vaccinations. No pinch, prong, choke, or electronic collars in the classroom, please. Instructor: Joyce Loebig.

Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
Dogs 6 months and older
6 Week Sessions
Tuesdays

Session 1: September 8 - October 13

Session 2: October 27 - December 1
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Resident: \$145 / Non-resident: \$165



Get to Know Us!



Gregory Clark
Recreation Director

- Golf
- Gootball
- Time with family



Debby Huffman
Asst. Recreation Director

- Time with friends
- Shopping
- Cooking



Jurrel Cottman
Facilities Director

- Fishing
- Volunteer coaching
- Shoe collector



Hazel Hodgson
Adminstrative Assistant

- Movies
- Comics
- Traveling



Mike Kurland
Extended Care Manager

- Going to the beach
- Time with my wife and 2 kids
- Watching sports and grilling out



Paula Lisowski
Senior Programs

- Star Trek fan
- Vintage car enthusiast
- Beach vacations



Lew McAllister
Recreation Programs & Classes

- Sports
- Time with family
- Cooking



Leicia Monfort
Teen Programs

- Extreme adventures
- Bowling
- Volunteering



Chelsea Nuñez
Recreation Specialist

- Time with family/ friends
- sports/action/ adventure
- Helping others & animals



Sofia Visurraga
Customer Service/ Passports

- Time with family
- Visiting family in Peru
- Wendy's Frostys



John Webster
Fields & Facilities

- Sports
- Time with family
- Food

p: 301.891.7290 | f: 301.270.4094 | recreation@takomaparkmd.gov



Special Events



Takoma Plays 7th Annual Play Day

Attention! Attention! Everyone, everywhere it's time for you to let your hair down, put on your comfy clothes and get ready to PLAY! Yes, that's right Takoma Plays and the Takoma Park Recreation Department has teamed up to present to you the Seventh Annual Play Day. Rain or Shine. This event will have tons of fun activities for the entire family to enjoy including the infamous Touch-A-Truck. To see a full listing of activities and performances please visit www.takomaplays.org. There will be transportation for seniors to and from Play Day.

Takoma Park Middle School Gymnasium	Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015
7611 Piney Branch Road	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
	Free

Monster Bash 2015

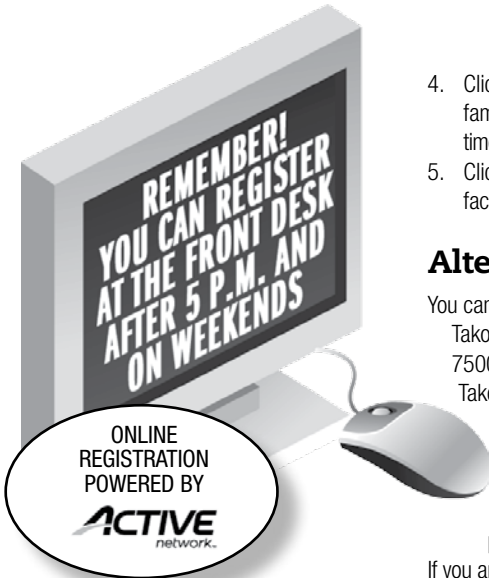
With Monster Bash right around the corner the Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for a host of events that are designed for the entire family. On Saturday, October 31, Monster Bash 2015 will kick off at 1:00 p.m. with games and music in the public parking lot next to the Co-Op, followed by the Costume Parade and Contest down Carroll Avenue. We will end the festivities with the Costume Award Ceremony and celebration in Old Town Takoma Park. Due to limited parking, walking is encouraged. For additional information or if you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact John Webster at johnw@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7225.

TPSS Co-op & Old Town
Takoma Park
201 Ethan Allen Avenue
Saturday, October 31, 2015
1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Free





visit us online @
<http://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation>



With ActiveNet®
you can use a credit
card to:

- Register for recreation classes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!
- Reserve a park or recreation facility for an event.
- Receive class confirmation via e-mail.
- View and print class schedules.
- Purchase memberships to the gym and fitness room.

Instructions for
creating an account

Contact the Recreation Department in advance if you currently have an account and need to verify your username and password.

1. Access apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation
2. Click **Create an Account**.
3. Complete all necessary information; fields marked with an asterisk are required.

4. Click **Create Account** or enter other family members into the system at this time.
5. Click **Intro** and search for a course or facility

Alternative registration

You can still register via mail or walk in:
Takoma Park Recreation Department
7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Make checks or money orders payable to: City of Takoma Park. List program name and participant's name on front of check. No phone registrations.

If you are having trouble registering or if you have questions concerning classes, please call **301-891-7290** or e-mail us at recreation@takomaparkmd.gov

Wait list policy

In the event that a program has more interest than available space, we will keep a waiting list. Individuals on the waiting list will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that another class is created, individuals from the waiting list will be contacted.

Registration policies

- The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program/class due to insufficient enrollment or to substitute teachers without participant notification.
- Classes may be canceled on school holidays, vacations, snow days or any other dates noted in the guide. If schools close midday due to a weather or other emergency, children's classes will also be canceled. Every attempt will be made to reschedule classes canceled due to weather emergencies.

- A resident of Takoma Park is any person who lives within the 2.8 square mile corporate limits. A nonresident lives outside the corporate limits. If you are not sure of your residency status, please call us and we will be happy to assist you. Or visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/council and review the street listing.
- We require, for most programs, that participants are the required age as the date of the first class. All age requirements are set to benefit the participant and allow for more consistent program instruction. In some instances, the requirements have been set for the participant's safety.
- Customers can only register individuals listed on their household account for programs.

Refund policy

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Registrants assume the risk of changes in personal affairs or health.
- Refunds will be approved with written/ electronic notification received **seven (7) business days** prior to scheduled start of program. A \$15 administrative fee will be deducted per participant/per class and may take up to 30 days to receive.
- Registrant may choose to receive a credit for the remaining amount, which may be used for another program. Credits **must** be used by **June 30**. After that time, the credit will be forfeited. Credits cannot be transferred.
- Refunds after the program has begun will be considered only with medical verification (**no exceptions**). No refund after the program has ended.



WE DON'T SPAM

Periodically you will receive emails about upcoming registration dates, special events, weather closings, special promotions or new programs. It is important that you have a valid email address in our database. If you change email addresses, move, etc., please let us know.



REGISTER EARLY!

Nothing cancels a good class quicker than waiting until the last minute to register. If there aren't enough registrations by a certain date, the course may be canceled.

Recreation Registration Form

Please fill out a form for each person and complete **all** fields. All registrations are accepted first come, first served. Customers can only register individuals listed on their household account for programs. Mail-in registrations will be accepted after walk-ins and online registrations on the first day.

1. Participant information

Participant's First Name

Last Name

Address

Apt No.

City/State/Zip

Gender

Birth Date

Email Address

Phone

circle one: Resident

Non-resident

circle one: Ward

1

2

3

4

5

6

School

Grade

Do you require any special accommodations to participate in this program/activity?

☐ yes

☐ no

If yes, explain

2. Parent/Guardian information

Parent/Guardian's First Name

Last Name

Home Phone

Work Phone

Birth Date

Email Address

3. Emergency contact information (other than parent or guardian)

Emergency Contact Name

Relationship

Phone

NAME OF PROGRAM	SESSION (if applicable)	DAY(S) OF WEEK	TIME	FEE

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Money Order ☐ Credit cards accepted online and walk-in **only:** AmEx, VISA, MasterCard, Discover

No phone registrations. Do **not** mail cash.

Mail check or money order, payable to City of Takoma Park, to: 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912

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 - Refunds after the program has begun will be considered only with medical verification (No Exception). No refund after the program has ended.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

I acknowledge, understand, and accept that there are inherent risks associated with participation in this program and that doing so could result in an injury. The City of Takoma Park assumes no liability for injuries or damages from the results of participation. I acknowledge the fact that the Takoma Park Recreation Department does not provide accident insurance to its program participants. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I /my child am / is physically fit and, should this condition change at any time during the program I will notify the administration of the Recreation Department immediately. The Recreation Department has my permission to call Emergency 911 and/or to send me/my child to a hospital or emergency care facility, and the hospital and medical staff have my authorization to provide emergency treatment deemed necessary for the well-being of me/my child. I agree to abide by all posted, written, or verbally communicated rules and regulations administered by the Recreation staff concerning this program. I have read, understood, and accept the terms of this participant's agreement as outlined. I do hereby on behalf of my child, my heirs, and executors, agree to indemnify the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park and all of its agents, officers and employees, from any and all claims for injuries or loss of any person or property which may arise out of or result from my child's participation in the above-referenced program or activity. I hereby and represent that if the participant is a minor, I am his/her parent/guardian and authorized to provide the releases, authorizations, and permissions stated herein and all the information provided is accurate and complete. I hereby give permission for the participant named above to participate in the TPRD's program, including transportation in approved vehicles (TPRD Vehicles, Board of Education School Buses, or Commercial Motor Coaches). I acknowledge that the Takoma Park Recreation Department has a policy for conduct in recreation programs and facilities and I hereby agree that the participant is subject to said policies, including the disciplinary provisions. I authorize the Recreation Department to take, display, and publish photographs, slides or videos for promotional and/or educational purposes.

Parent/Guardian (if under 18)

Date

Participant Signature (if over 18)

Date

OFFICE USE

Date paid _____ Type of payment _____ Amount _____ Date entered _____ Staff initial _____

2015

Special Events

National Night Out Open House



National Night Out, celebrated by police departments across the nation, is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association

of Town Watch (NATW). The Takoma Park Police Department will be hosting its own community event in celebration of this campaign. The department's goal is to heighten safety and crime prevention awareness; to support locally-based businesses, groups, and organizations; and to strengthen relationships among community members and between the community and local police department.

Piney Branch Elementary School
Tuesday, August 4
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Energy Challenge Workshop



Join Sustainability Manager Gina Mathias for an update on the Energy Challenge, rebate programs, Green Home Certification, and Takoma Park's bid for the \$5 Million Georgetown University.

Community Center Auditorium
Thursday, September 24
7:00 p.m.

Takoma Plays 7th Annual Play Day

Attention! Attention! Everyone, everywhere it's time for you to let your hair down, put on your comfy clothes and get ready to PLAY! Yes, that's right Takoma Plays and the Takoma Park Recreation Department has teamed up to present to you the Seventh Annual Play Day. Rain or Shine. This event will have tons of fun activities for the entire family to enjoy including the infamous Touch-A-Truck. To see a full listing of activities and performances please visit www.takomaplays.org. There will be transportation for seniors to and from Play Day.

Takoma Park Middle School Gymnasium
7611 Piney Branch Road
Saturday, September 26
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Free



Library Fall Author Events

Check out these top authors and illustrators who will be doing programs in the fall, courtesy of our partnership with Politics & Prose bookstore. All programs are in the Library unless otherwise noted:

- **Thursday, Sept. 3, 7:00 p.m.**
 Picture book creators Mac Barnett and Christian Robinson preview their new book, "Leo, a Ghost Story."
- **Monday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.**
 Graphic novelists Eleanor Davis and Drew Weing talk about their new book for kids, "Flo to the Top!"
- **Sunday, Sept. 27, 2:00 p.m.**
 Liz Pichon, author of the "Wimpy Kid"-like "Tom Gates" series for kids, discusses her books.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7:00 p.m.**
 Picture book artist/author Ed Vere spotlights his newest book, "Max the Brave."
- **Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7:00 p.m.**
 Picture book creator Matt Davies discuss his new book, "Nerdy Bird."
- **Wednesday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m.**
 Science author Tam O'Shaunessy talks about her new biography of America's first woman astronaut (and O'Shaunessy's life partner), "Sally Ride: A Photobiography of America's Pioneering Woman in Space."
- **Monday, Oct. 19**
 Author Mary Downing Hahn discusses her latest horror novel for kids, "Took."

*Also stay tuned for John Flangan, internationally best-selling author of the "Ranger's Apprentice" and "Brotherband" series, spotlights his new book, "The Tournament at Gorlan." This event will take place in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium.

2015

Special Events

Monster Bash

With Monster Bash right around the corner, the Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing a host of events designed for the entire family. On Saturday, October 31, Monster Bash 2015 will kick off at 1:00 p.m. with games and music in the public parking lot next to the Co-Op, followed by the Costume Parade and Contest down Carroll Avenue. We will end the festivities with the Costume Award Ceremony and celebration in Old Town Takoma Park. Due to limited parking, walking is encouraged. For additional information or if you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact John Webster at johnw@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7225.

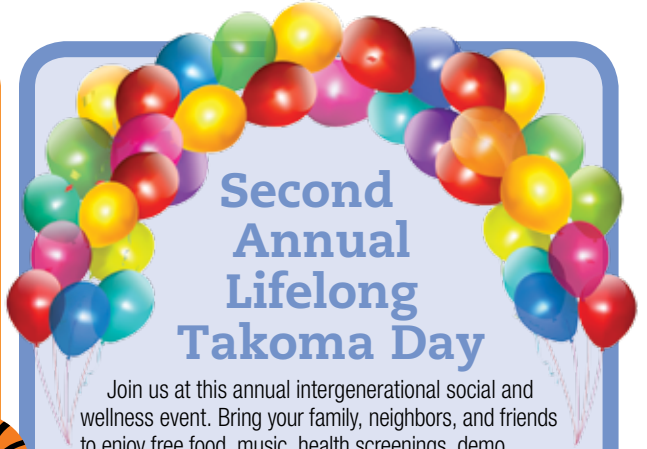
TPSS Co-op and Old Town Takoma Park
201 Ethan Allen Avenue
Saturday, October 31
1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Free



Second Annual Lifelong Takoma Day

Join us at this annual intergenerational social and wellness event. Bring your family, neighbors, and friends to enjoy free food, music, health screenings, demo classes and presentations, and participate in community conversations. We will have interpreters providing translation for Spanish, Amharic and Mandarin Chinese at the event. There will be personal guides for residents who may need assistance.

Community Center
Saturday, October 10
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Election Day

Election for Mayor and City Council is
Tuesday, November 3, 2015.
See page 4 for more information.



Holiday Art Sale

Shop creatively — buy locally — at the Takoma Park annual Holiday Art Sale! Featuring ceramics, textiles, jewelry and more.

Saturday, December 12
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Visit takomaparkmd.gov/arts in September to apply for this juried show.

